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## **State Unveils First Phase of Kent County Courthouse Project**

*Dover* – Governor Ruth Ann Minner joined Chief Justice Myron Steele, Office of Management and Budget Director Jennifer “J.J.” Davis and Superior Court Judge James Vaughn on the steps of the O’Brien Building as they unveiled the first phase of the new Kent County Courthouse.

“It has taken a great deal of hard work and dedication to get to where we are today, and I would like to thank those who had a hand in getting this project off the ground,” said Office of Management and Budget Director Jennifer “J.J.” Davis. “The new courthouse will benefit the courts and the citizens of Delaware for generations to come.”

During the ceremony, the Governor presented Judy O’Brien, wife of the late Robert O’Brien with a brick from the O’Brien Building and recognized his role in shaping county and state government in Delaware. The first phase of the project will involve razing the O’Brien Building to make way for the new state-of-the-art judicial facility.

“Robert O’Brien was highly respected throughout his career, and he played an integral part in shaping Kent County as we know it today,” said Governor Minner. “Many of you here today knew Mr. O’Brien personally, and know firsthand how his vision for county and state government had a positive impact on Dover and the state as a whole.”

The Kent County Courthouse project consists of the construction of a new courthouse and the connection of the existing courthouse to the new building, renovation of the existing courthouse and construction of a parking garage to serve the needs of the courthouse complex. The projected opening date of the facility is July, 2011.